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Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept Sen. Mike Bishop in full support of deadline extension

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate today took up legislation to extend the deadline until November 15 this year to certify MEAP results.

“We must keep our promise to those students who have worked hard in school and have earned the Merit Award Scholarships,” said Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester). “Students deserve their scholarships now and should not be penalized for the late MEAP results.”

Senate Bill 701, extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. Delays in the release of the MEAP test this summer have left many college freshmen awaiting notification of whether they qualify for the Merit Award Scholarships.

SB 701 was passed under General Orders today.

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